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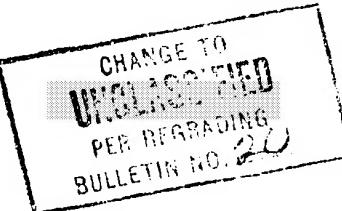
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## SUMMARY

Of the three anniversary days occurring within the period under review--Press Day, Radio and VE Day--the first two are played up by the press and radio.

Press day: the broad outlines of press functions set forth by PRAVDA merely emphasize 19th Party Congress decisions covering "the tasks" of Soviet journalism. Other editorials and broadcasts cite the duties of the press in the implementation of the Five Year Plan, education of the workers in the spirit of proletarian internationalism, and maintenance of ideological vigilance against the "survivals of capitalism."

Radio Day is marked as a peculiarly Russian-Soviet holiday inasmuch as "Russia is the birthplace of wireless communication." Russian-Soviet "priority" in that field is now extended to include the invention of three-dimensional television although "some unsolved problems" along those lines are admitted. Local Party organizations are urged to tighten control over broadcast content as well as over radiofication work, which "regrettably" is not proceeding smoothly.

Victory Day is given less attention than the other two anniversaries. The vituperative attacks on the West heard on this occasion in the past are omitted. A common note struck by Soviet propaganda on all three anniversaries is that the desire for peace is still a Soviet monopoly but that the uphill struggle toward that goal could be eased by the capitalist world if it desired.

The predominant theme in the meager output on industry is honesty and is discussed in the context of the current economy drive. Production costs could be considerably lower and the quality of the output higher were it not for "gross deception" practised by a section of management. On holidays, however, the tendency is to soft-pedal shortcomings and to concentrate on self-praise.

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